



State of Nevada – Department Of Personnel

CLASS SPECIFICATION

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>EEO-4</u>	<u>CODE</u>
MID-LEVEL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER	39	B	10.229

CLASS CONCEPTS

Mid-Level Medical Practitioners may be either Advanced Practitioners of Nursing or Physician Assistants who provide medical care in psychiatric or correctional settings.

Physician Assistants (PA) provide medical care in accordance with approved medical protocols as allowed under the supervising physician's scope of practice and Nevada Revised Statutes.

Advanced Practitioners of Nursing (APN) work within the scope of practice of an APN and practice protocols as agreed upon by the collaborating physician and the APN, as set forth in the Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 632 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Administrative Code.

Assess health status and manage the health care of the patients in an inpatient or outpatient setting; take, record, and interpret medical histories; perform physical examinations and perform or initiate diagnostic procedures; develop diagnoses and initiate a program of treatment within the standards of medical practice for the specialty area.

Assess the patient's psychological and physical conditions, consulting and referring as needed with other health care professionals; review and evaluate response to health problems and modify programs of treatment as needed.

Prescribe and dispense medications as allowed by the practice setting and State law in accordance with established protocol; monitor patient for medication side effects, allergic reactions and adjust the medication regime as needed.

Evaluate and triage patients in trauma/cardiac emergencies and patients with life-threatening chronic conditions; provide emergency medical treatments, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and first aid required to stabilize a patient's condition until a physician can be consulted or patient is transferred to a higher level of care facility.

Perform minor surgical procedures within established protocols and scope of practice to included suturing minor lacerated tissue and administering local anesthesia.

Maintain accurate records documenting all physical findings, diagnoses, and treatments, including medications and changes in health status; prepare written reports, records, and summaries.

Maintain safety, health and well being of individuals in the therapeutic environment as allowed in the practice setting; may assist in physically restraining patients who are a threat to themselves or others and may be hostile and combative; follow facility procedures regarding techniques and duration of confinement; notify appropriate personnel of action taken and document as required.

Provide education and counseling to patients and their families to promote good health habits; provide health related education and training to staff.

May supervise other health professionals, para-professionals and other personnel and/or delegate to qualified personnel direct care duties consistent with their licensure, certification and competency and as allowed in the practice setting; serve as a clinical preceptor for nursing, medical, and physician assistant students.

CLASS CONCEPTS (cont'd)

Adhere to community and accreditation standards in the care and treatment of patients in taking timely, appropriate measures to provide and maintain hygienic environments.

Provide designated services at more than one location and share on-call responsibility with other health care providers as assigned.

Perform related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

SPECIAL NOTES AND REQUIREMENTS:

- * All positions require current licensure by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners or certification by the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine as a Physician Assistant or certification of recognition as an Advanced Practitioner of Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner or Adult Nurse Practitioner issued by the Nevada State Board of Nursing.
- * All positions require current certification of registration or license to prescribe from the Nevada Board of Pharmacy.
- * Some positions require a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) license to prescribe controlled substances.
- * Some positions require a certificate or license to dispense controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices from the Nevada State Board of Nursing and Nevada Board of Pharmacy.
- * Some positions require current certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and/or Basic Life Support.
- * Some positions require a current driver's license.
- * Probationary employees working in a correctional setting must successfully complete 40 hours of "pre-service training" provided by the Department of Corrections.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Licensure by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners or certification by the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine as a Physician Assistant; **OR** certification of recognition as an Advanced Practitioner of Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner or Adult Nurse Practitioner issued by the Nevada State Board of Nursing. (*See Special Notes and Requirements*)

ENTRY LEVEL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (required at time of application):

Detailed knowledge of: documentation process. **Working knowledge of:** human anatomy and advanced pathophysiology and pharmacology; current medical terminology; medical and psychiatric diagnoses and major signs and symptoms including familiarity with the DSM-4 and ICD-9 diagnostic and procedure manuals; physical examination methods and techniques; practices, methods and procedures used in a psychiatric/mental health, correctional, or institutional setting; medication protocols including therapeutic effects, side effects and toxicity, and common dosages; medical diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic conditions; community health standards; universal precautions and infection control techniques and procedures; operation and use of standard medical equipment; minor surgical procedures within protocols/license and as allowed under the Physician Assistant's supervising physician's scope of practice or within the Advanced Practitioner of Nursing's scope of practice and protocols; common physical restraint techniques and procedures. **Ability to:** interview patients to elicit information concerning illness and health and medical history, symptoms and/or complaints; clinically assess, diagnose, and treat illness and health conditions; properly interpret results of examinations, laboratory tests and X-rays; develop, implement and evaluate a medical care plan; provide patient education and counseling;

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS (cont'd)

ENTRY LEVEL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (cont'd)

prepare and maintain medical records, charts and reports; provide emergency medical treatment to ill and injured persons; assist in physically restraining patients consistent with department policy; maintain patient confidentiality; develop and maintain effective working relationships with medical colleagues, preceptor and patients; deal effectively with personnel and staffing issues; delegate appropriate assignments to subordinate staff.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (typically acquired on the job):

Working knowledge of: departmental policies and procedures; treatment protocols specific to the health facility to which assigned; health care resources in the community including medical specialists and facilities.

This class specification is used for classification, recruitment and examination purposes. It is not to be considered a substitute for work performance standards for positions assigned to this class.

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